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MacArthur Tells Japs They May Fight if Attacked

New Year's Message Says Nation Still Has Right of Self-Defense

By the Associated Press
TOKYO, Dec. 31.—Gen. MacArthur told the Japanese people tonight that they still have "the inalienable right of self-defense against unprovoked attack," despite their no-war constitution.

The supreme commander nevertheless highly praised the Japanese renunciation of war and intimated that there was to be no change in the prohibition against Japanese armed forces.

Japan was completely disarmed after the surrender in 1945, and remains so. The present national constitution—adopted under occupation guidance although officially hailed as a Japanese idea—renounced war and armed force entirely and forever.

The self-defense statement was contained in the closing section of Gen. MacArthur's annual New Year's message.

Here is the full passage on that topic:

"Some contemporary cynics deride as visionary Japan's constitutional renunciation of the concept of belligerence and armed security. Be not overly concerned by such detractors.

Provision Held Sound.
"A product of Japanese thought, this provision is based upon the highest of moral ideals, and yet no constitutional provision was ever more fundamentally sound and practical.

"While by no sophistry of reasoning can it be interpreted as complete negation of the inalienable right of self-defense against unprovoked attack, it is a ringing affirmation by a people laid prostrate by the sword, of faith in the ultimate triumph of international morality and justice without resort to the sword.

"It must be understood, however, that so long as predatory international banditry is permitted to roam the earth to crush human freedom under its avarice and violence, the highest concept to which you are pledged will be slow in finding universal acceptance. But it is axiomatic that there must always be a first in all things.

"In this historic decision, you are the first. The opportunity, therefore, is yours to exemplify before mankind the soundness of this concept and the inestimable benefit resulting from the dedication of all energy and all resource to peaceful progress.

"In due course other nations will join you in this dedication, but meanwhile you must not falter. Have faith in your countrymen and other peoples who share the same high ideals. Above all have faith in yourselves."

No Reference to Soviet.
Gen. MacArthur made no reference to the Soviet Union, but in leading up to the defense portion of his message he did say that two basic, unresolved problems causing concern to every Japanese were:

"The global ideological struggle brought close to Japan by the Communist roll over China, and the international procedural conflict delaying call of a Japanese peace conference."

Brig. Gen. Courtney Whitney, head of the occupation's government section and one of Gen. MacArthur's closest advisers, told correspondents the commander "had no intention of saying the Japanese have the right to rearm for war or to establish an army or navy."

Instead, said Gen. Whitney, the message meant that Japan has "the right to conclude defensive alliances or deal with the United States on equal terms."

High Court Asked to Nullify Judith Coplon Conviction
By the Associated Press
Judith Coplon, Brooklyn-born former Government girl, asked the Supreme Court today to nullify her conviction here last June on charges of turning over secret documents to a Russian.

It was the second legal move made in as many days to get Miss Coplon a new trial and save her from a jail sentence of 40 months to 10 years.

Only last Thursday Miss Coplon's attorney also petitioned the Circuit Court of Appeals to send her case back to District Court here for another trial on the basis of newly discovered evidence.

In both instances the attorney, Archibald Palmer, contended Government prosecutors illegally used information obtained by tapping her telephone and intercepting her mail.

Rationing Eased, Prices Reduced By Czech Regime

By the Associated Press

PRAQUE, Dec. 31.—In a New Year gift to the nation, the Communist-led Czech government today abolished gasoline rationing for private cars, cut the free market price of meat and clothing and liberalized provisions for shopping in rationed shops.

The new actions were part of the government's long campaign to prove that things are getting better and better in this "people's democracy" while everything is in a bad way in the Western capitalist nations.

Even those in the forced labor camps will get coupons to shop, the controlled press reported.

The only ones who won't benefit from the new orders, the government decreed, are black market operators, "anti-state mongers" and the village rich—or larger farmers—who will be deprived of ration coupons for shopping on the controlled market.

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"We will not work if the ship attempts to run through the blockade."

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One Engineer Has Left.
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Crew Reported Refusing to Run China Blockade

U. S. Ship's Workers Said to Have Refused To Enter Mine Area

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Scientists Told Cortisone Offers Hope to Delay Aging Process

Hormones Secreted by Adrenal Gland's Cortex May Also Prevent Chronic Stages of Ailments

By Thomas R. Henry

Star Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Hormones secreted by the cortex of the adrenal gland, especially cortisone which lately has had wide acclaim as an eventual arthritis remedy, may eventually delay aging processes and prevent chronic stages of many ailments.

This was stressed before the American Association for the Advancement of Science here today by Dr. Thomas F. Dougherty of the University of Utah who has been carrying out experiments supported by the American Cancer Society.

His recent experiments show, Dr. Dougherty said, "that in all likelihood there is a critical period in the course of infectious disease during which the administration of cortisone may prove a forestalling factor, possibly effective years late when the initial infection gives way to chronic phases."

The allergic phase of many diseases which produce chronic infections may be checked, an individual returned to normal health, and severe after effects of later years may not occur.

His latest experiments on mice have shown that antigen shock deaths, for example, can be prevented by preparing the animal beforehand with cortisone to mobilize the body's defenses. An antigen is an agent foreign to the system, ordinarily the body itself produces substances which control or inactivate them, but frequently this mechanism fails.

He removed the adrenal glands of laboratory mice. When he injected them with as little as one-hundredth of a cubic centimeter of horse serum, which acted as an antigen, they died within 18 minutes. The normal mouse can take an amount of horse serum almost equal to the total blood volume without danger.

When cortisone was administered, the mice survived.

Joint Chiefs Urged To Include Formosa In Trip to Japan
By the Associated Press
The Nation's four top military men will visit Japan in February, possibly to discuss with Gen. MacArthur a proposed new American policy blueprint for Asia.

Following the Defense Department announcement of the trip last night, a spokesman said the Joint Chiefs of Staff will steer clear of Formosa—embattled headquarters of the Chinese Nationalists—during the Pacific journey.

Formosa is considered vital to American defense and there have been numerous proposals that this country send a military mission there to help advise the forces of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Connally Urges Visit.
Chairman Connally of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee added his voice today to those urging such a move, saying it is needed to help check the spread of communism in the Far East.

Senator Taft, Republican, of Ohio, in an interview at Dayton, went considerably further. He favored keeping Formosa out of Communist hands even if the United States Navy were needed to defend it.

The announcement concerning the joint chiefs carefully avoided mention of the Communist situation in Asia. The Defense Department said the trip "has been contemplated for months" as just another of a series of routine international visits.

Kidnaping in Vienna Foiled by U. S. Probers
By the Associated Press
VIENNA, Dec. 31.—Three armed men last night made an unsuccessful attempt to kidnap a Ukrainian who has lived in Austria since 1940, the American provost marshal's office reported today.

Although Army authorities refused to further identify the would-be abductors, they are believed to have been Soviet agents. American investigators prevented the abduction.

The Ukrainian, Peter Osenko, is a bitter anti-Communist and is now under the protection of American authorities.

Sesqui Unit Sets Sights For Freedom Fair in '51 After Voting Delay

Commission Expected To OK Action; Other Events Unaffected

By the Associated Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—The National Capital Sesqui-centennial Commission today was training its sights on 1951 for the Freedom Fair, after the commission's executive committee decided it would be impossible to open the fair on schedule next July 4.

The rest of the program for next year, the 150th anniversary of the removal of the Government to Washington, will be carried out as originally planned "and will constitute a prologue to the Freedom Fair," the committee agreed.

It was not in the province of the committee to postpone the fair, but it said it would refer the matter to the whole commission. There is no doubt that the commission will come to the same conclusion that opening next July 4 will be impossible.

The committee said the opening, under revision of the plans, would be on April 15, 1951, giving the fair two full seasons instead of one abbreviated season and one full one.

See No Exhibit Cancellations.
Joseph B. Danzansky, president of the National Capital Sesqui-centennial Leasing Bureau, Inc., said today that about \$1,500,000 worth of exhibit space for the Freedom Fair has been tentatively asked for and committed. Despite the probability that the fair will be deferred, he said he does not look for any cancellations.

"In fact industry will probably welcome an extra year in which to prepare exhibits," said Mr. Danzansky.

He pointed out that his organization, a subsidiary of the commission, has been attempting to do in around 90 days in the space-selling job what it took New York three years and Chicago five years to do. Those cities held fairs in recent years.

Mr. Danzansky said John L. Handy Associates, Inc., of New York has been appointed the bureau's agent to handle space sales first hand. The bureau is a private corporation, in which Mr. Danzansky and the Washington real estate men, Leo and Norman Bernstein, hold a majority of the stock.

The commission, which includes four Senators and four Representatives, will be asked to meet soon after Congress convenes and (See SESQUI, Page A-5.)

Fire in Virginia Home Routs 4 From Beds; Blast Hurts Firemen

Security Agency Aide Leads Girl From Room Shortly Before Explosion

By the Associated Press

A family of four fled to safety early today in the bitter pre-dawn cold when fire burned out their new ramblar house in Tauxemont, a development south of Alexandria.

Three volunteer firemen called to fight the stubborn blaze were injured by a mysterious explosion that knocked them backward from a bedroom where the fire was hottest. Their injuries, however, were not considered serious.

The one-story house, at 19 Tauxemont road, was occupied by the family of Edward Schwartz, researcher at the Children's Bureau of the Federal Security Agency.

Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz and their two young children were routed from the burning building about 4 a.m.

Saw Light in Girl's Room.
Mrs. Schwartz said she awakened to notice a light in the adjoining bedroom occupied by their daughter Eleanor, 11. She first thought the child was reading in bed and roused her husband.

Mr. Schwartz said he saw the light flicker and realized the house was on fire. Rushing to the daughter's room, he awakened her and led her to safety as the flames spread from a closet.

Mr. Schwartz went to another bedroom for his son Philip, 7, who was still sleeping, and Mrs. Schwartz telephoned an alarm. The family bundled themselves in whatever warm clothes they could find quickly and raced outside into the 29-degree cold.

In a futile attempt to check the flames, Mr. Schwartz tried to get water into the bedroom by using

Holes Found Punched In 2 U. S. Planes in Reich
By the Associated Press
STUTTGART, Germany, Dec. 31.—An unknown person jabbed holes with a sharp-pointed instrument in two United States Army L-5 observation airplanes near here last week, the Army disclosed last night.

The holes were punched in the fuselage and rudder surfaces of one of the light planes, and into an oil screen cooler and metal cowlings of the other, an Army announcement said.

Eight Precinct Heads Shifted by Barrett in Big Police Shakeup

Tonight's Jollity To Hail Last Half Of 20th Century

New Year Holidays Tomorrow, Monday Doubly Significant

The first half of the 20th century passes into history tonight as Washington extends a hearty greeting to an even more promising era.

With "Auld Lang Syne," cheers and embraces, thousands will watch the clock tick into 1950 at the stroke of midnight—a kind of memorial to 50 dizzy years that took the world from gas light to atom, from horse and buggy to supersonic flights.

It will be a typical New Year's eve, yet it will be different. For many it will be a more solemn occasion, one of unprecedented midnight masses in the churches, of meditative watches by those hopeful that man will turn newfound power into constructive rather than destructive channels.

But as usual, the night spots will be packed with those eager to toast in the new year with noisemakers and confetti. Not so usual is the fact that, in public drinking spots regulated by Alcoholic Beverage Control Board laws, the midnight drink will be the last.

All hotels and restaurants governed by such laws must have drinks removed from the tables at midnight in conformance with the regular Saturday night custom. Despite this grim fun-making, restaurant officials said advance preparations indicate crowds almost as large as on other New Year's eves.

Home Parties To Flourish.
But a flurry of business at package liquor stores gave evidence that home parties will be more popular tonight than ever. The clientele can fashion its own deadline—with gratitude for an additional rest day Monday.

Whatever else happens, the weatherman promised that his commodity will approach normalcy. He promised fair skies with temperatures ranging from normal lows of 20 to 28 degrees tonight. Tomorrow will be a bit cloudy and a little warmer than today. Perhaps there will be some rain Monday, he said.

Police also promised to keep things within reasonable bounds. Supt. Robert J. Barrett ordered about 400 extra men for night duty. Policemen assigned to the (See HOLIDAY, Page A-2.)

Explosion of Oil Stove Routs 9 From House
Explosion of an oil stove in a two-story brick house at 447 Neal place N.W. drove three adults and six children into the street today. Mrs. Hester Wade, 28, colored, an occupant of the first-floor apartment, was taking care of her own daughter and the children of her sister when the stove exploded. She grabbed a 9-month-old baby of her sister and ran into the street.

A neighbor, Mrs. Pearlina Peterbark, 450 Neal place, brought out three of the children. Then Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Walton and their two children managed to get out unaided.

Mrs. Wade's sister, Mrs. Ethel Brown, was working at a nearby laundry.

The 447 Neal street home was badly damaged by fire and houses on either side suffered smoke and water damage.

Capital Moves to 'Potomak'; Other Features of Sunday Star
How did Philadelphia view the removal of the Capital of the United States to the new Federal City on the banks of the "Potomak" January 1, 1800? In commemoration of the National Capital's sesqui-centennial year The Sunday Star tomorrow will publish a simulation of a contemporary description of 1800 Washington. It has been prepared by Chris Mathison of The Star after weeks of research.

Who remembers Pennsylvania avenue in 1900? The Star's Pictorial Magazine publishes a full-page cover in color of the Avenue of the Presidents from a 1900 photograph. The entire issue of the magazine is devoted to pictorial coverage of Washington during the half century.

For The Sunday Star editorial feature section, Robert Lincoln O'Brien, one of the District's most distinguished senior citizens, has written an unusually interesting review of 50 years of living in the Capital. Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant III, former chairman of the Park and Planning Commission, tells of the real 50-year progress in building the Capital City. Robert K. Walsh of The Star staff writes a comprehensive digest of personalities and news events in the span from the Victorian to the atomic age.

Another Sunday Star feature is The Star's annual business and financial review.

Read this interesting issue of The Sunday Star. Phone Sterling 5000 now for home delivery.

Precinct 2, Acalotti Case Scene, Involved In 31 of Transfers

In one of the biggest shakeups in Police Department history, Police Supt. Robert J. Barrett today announced the transfer of eight precinct commanders and a drastic revision of the second precinct, where the Attilio Acalotti gambling case originated.

In all, 117 men were involved in the shifts. Maj. Barrett ascribed the move to a need to place younger men in the shifts.

Pictures of High-Ranking Police Officers in Major Shakeup.
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busier precincts and to transfer ambitious men in outlying precincts to busier posts.

"We are striving for efficiency," Maj. Barrett said. He denied the changes were prompted by the gambling investigations.

31 Involve Second Precinct.
Thirty-one of the transfers were made from and to the second precinct alone, in the Thomas Circle vicinity where the Acalotti case developed.

Capt. Clyde N. Strange, commander of the second precinct, was shifted to the outlying twelfth district.

Known as the "mayor of Thomas Circle," Acalotti was convicted December 13 of attempting to obstruct justice by threatening a grand jury witness and sentenced to serve from 8 to 24 months.

That witness, red-haired Miss Bernice Franklin, 35, testified that three Second Precinct policemen accepted pay-off money from Acalotti. Three policemen took the stand during the trial and denied the charges.

The three policemen were Detective Sgt. Charles Burns of the robbery squad and Sgt. Arthur E. Fredette and Pvt. Kenneth Winters.

Fredette Transferred.
In today's transfers, Sgt. Fredette was moved to the Fourth Precinct. Pvt. Winters had been transferred earlier to another precinct.

Acalotti also must stand trial on three gambling indictments which followed testimony by Miss Franklin, a waitress and his former girl friend, before the grand jury.

During the trial Inspector George Walcott was assigned by Maj. Barrett to sit in as an observer, studying the allegations against the policemen. Immediately after the trial Maj. Barrett instituted an investigation of the policemen and was assured the co-operation of United States Attorney George Morris Fay.

Other changes involving captains were:

Capt. Paul L. Barnes, transferred from No. 4 to No. 14.
Capt. William T. Murphy, transferred from No. 14 to No. 9.
Capt. James E. Silvea, transferred from No. 11 to No. 5.
Capt. Charles J. Sullivan, transferred from No. 12 to No. 2.
Capt. Irvin Umbaugh, transferred from No. 9 to No. 4.

Chenault Promoted.
Lt. Robert D. Chenault, in No. 13 precinct since the first of the decade, was promoted to precinct captain, replacing Capt. Albert I. Bullock, who was recently promoted to inspector and transferred to administrative headquarters.

Inspector Bullock will replace Inspector John B. Jeffries in the third inspectorial district and Inspector Jeffries will take the post of inspector in charge of clothing equipment and property, until recently held by the late Inspector Milton D. Smith.

Lt. Harry C. Blackman, a sergeant, (See POLICE, Page A-2.)

Airline, Rios and U.